

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28:

FIG. 53 is a top view of the adapter module showing one adapter joining two fiber optic connectors.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIGS. 13 and 14, module housing 56 provides the basic shell for both adapter module 36 and connector holder module 37. Housing 56 includes a front face 84 with four openings 84. Openings 84 are sized and configured to receive up to eight adapters 50 or connector holders 110, so that a total of thirty-two patch cords 46 or 48 can be received. These adapters 50 or connector holders 110 may be held within opening 84 by a retainer clip 85 such as that disclosed in commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 5,214,735, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Module housing 56 also defines an interior space 86 with a cable exit 80 in a side wall 78. When module housing 56 is used for an adapter module 36, each adapter 50 mounted in openings 84 may have a connector 200 inserted into a rear side that will be optically linked with a connector 200 of patch cord 46 inserted into a front side (see FIG. 53). These rear connectors 200 may terminate fiber optic cables which may then extend through cable exit 80.